

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for performing remote access commands between nodes, the method comprising:

issuing a first request from a first node to a second node, the first request requesting a data access task be performed between the first node and the second node;

receiving, at the first node, a first response from the second node that partially completes the data access task;

issuing at least one subsidiary request from the first node to the second node to further complete the data access task between the first node and the second node, the at least one subsidiary request based on an amount of partial completion of the data access task between the first node and the second node; and

receiving, from the second node in response to the at least one subsidiary request, at least one corresponding subsidiary response that further completes the data access task between the first node and the second node;

wherein ~~the data access task is pre-emptible~~ context resources used to service the data access task are pre-emptible between the first response and a first subsidiary request for use to support other data access tasks, and context resources used to service the data access task are pre-emptible between a subsidiary response and a subsequent subsidiary request for use to support other data access tasks.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein issuing the first request from the first node comprises:

detecting an application request in a request queue, the application request identifying the data access task to be performed between the first and second node; and

wherein the method comprises: